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Serial No.:	10/073,527	Examiner:	Andrew Piziali
Filing Date:	February 11, 2002	Docket No.:	MDYNE/Z002 (formerly) 500-3013-U
Title:	Zirconium Nitride Coating Having A Top Layer Thereon		

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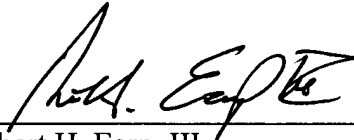
RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. 1.121) dated September 16, 2003, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 1 month (response due on or before October 16, 2003). Enclosed herewith is a corrected version of the "Claims" section of the Amendment document (indicating that claims 2-44 were previously cancelled from the application) previously included with the RCE filed on August 28, 2003.

As this is believed to fully address the Notice, Applicant respectfully submits that the RCE and Amendment are fully compliant and the application is now in condition for examination. Early allowance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. H. Earp, III", written over a horizontal line.

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Documents deposited:

1. Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (2 pgs)
2. Claim section of Amendment (5 pages)